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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The remarks and amendments are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 19, 2003. This response is being filed within four months of the mailing date.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith.

A fee transmittal is provided herewith authorizing payment for additional claims.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration in light of the following is respectfully requested.

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